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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS ET
SUBJ: PEACE SPARK

REF: A. STATE 258273, B. ADDIS ABABA 10966, C. STATE 251709,
D. CHMAAG ADDIS 211400Z OCT 76

1. WE FORWARDED COPY OF GEN. FISH'S LETTER REF C) TO ACTING FONMIN GETACHEW KIBRET AFTERNOON OCT 20 UNDER COVER OF LETTER FROM CHARGE, AND CHMAAG HANDCARRIED COPIES OF BOTH LETTERS TO MINDEF AYALEW MANDEFRO ON OCT 21 (REF D).

2. FOR ADDRESSEE INFO, TEXT OF CHARGE'S LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: DURING A CALL ON HIS EXCELLENCY THE FOREIGN MINISTER ON SEPTEMBER 20, 1976, JUST PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK, HIS EXCELLENCY RAISED WITH ME THE CONCERN OF YOUR GOVERNMENT OVER THE DELAYS BEING EXPERIENCED IN INSTALLING THE TPS43D (PEACE SPARK) RADAR NETWORK IN ETHIOPIA, GIVEN THE CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE OF AIR DEFENSE TO ETHIOPIAN SECURITY. I ASSURED HIS EXCELLENCY THAT WE WERE EQUALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE DELAYS AND WERE IN THE PROCESS OF TRYING TO RESOLVE THE VARIOUS PROBLEMS THAT HAD CONTRIBUTED TO THEM. I ALSO ASSURED HIS EXCELLENCY THAT I WOULD INFORM MY GOVERNMENT OF YOUR CONCERN.

AS A RESULT OF THE FOREGOING EXPRESSION OF CONCERN,
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I AM NOW INFORMED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THAT A

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LETTER TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE, FROM LT. GENERAL H. M. FISH, DIRECTOR OF DEFENSE SECURITY ASSISTANCE AGANCY IN THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, WAS DELIVERED TO YOUR MILITARY ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON ON OCTOBER 8, 1976, FOR TRANSMISSION TO YOUR GOVERNMENT ADDRESSING THE PEACE SPARK PROBLEM. THE LETTER, INTER ALIA, ASSURES YOUR GOVERNMENT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE AN EARLY OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY OF THE RADAR EQUIPMENT AND SPECIFICALLY, THAT THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE IS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ACCELERATE DELIVERY OF THE NECESSARY SPARES AND TEST EQUIPMENT. A COPY OF THE LETTER IS ENCLOSED.

I TRUST THAT THIS LETTER AND AN EARLIER ONE OF SEPTEMBER 17, 1976, TO THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE FROM GENERAL HUYSER (DEPUTY COMMANDER IN CHIEF, U.S. EUROPEAN COMMAND, TO WHOM U.S. MAAG ETHIOPIA REPORTS) WILL INDICATE TO YOUR GOVERNMENT THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE HAVE VIEWED THE DELAYS ASSOCIATED WITH PEACE SPARK, AND WILL BE RESPONSIVE TO THE CONCERN EXPRESSED TO ME BY HIS EXCELLENCY, THE FOREIGN MINISTER. I WISH TO ASSURE YOU THAT THESE TWO LETTERS REPRESENT THE COLLECTIVE CONCRN OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THAT THIS PROBLEM BE RESOLVED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO OUR MUTUAL SATISFACTION. UNQUOTE
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